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In re application of

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Serial No.: 09/889,183

Examiner: Raymond W. Addie

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For: *Soil Compactor with Power Steering*

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A soil compaction device comprising:
- a soil contact plate;
 - an oscillator that acts on the soil contact plate, has at least two eccentric masses that rotate in opposite directions whose phase relationship can be adjusted relative to one another by means of a positioning unit in order to control the direction of soil compaction device travel and to steer the soil compaction device; and